Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a command and control system including a track management system and sensors, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server capable of receiving data in a Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

providing a plurality of computer processing arrangements, each of which is capable of processing Java;

in said application server, processing said J2EE compliant data with a plurality of Enterprise Java Beans software components, establishing those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

providing said processed data to a user.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a command and control system including a track management system and sensors, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) application server arrangement capable of receiving data in a Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information from at least said sensors, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

providing a computer processing arrangement which is capable of processing J2EE compliant software components;

in said application server arrangement, processing said J2EE compliant data with one of (a) an Enterprise Java Bean software component arrangement and (b) a Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA) software component arrangement to establish those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

providing said processed data to a user.